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SEWAGRAM- YAVATMAL- NANDED RAIL LINK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has agreed to bear 40% of the total cost of the Sewagram-Yavatmal-Nanded Rail Link Project;

(b) if so, since when the project has been languishing and the reasons for this delay;

(c) whether the Railways have given its approval for the project;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the total cost of the project;

(f) the total length of the project and whether the survey work on the project has been initiated; and

(g) if so, the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (g): Survey for Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded has been completed as per which, cost of construction of 270 Kms long line has been assessed as Rs.581 crore with a negative rate of return. State Govt. was requested to consider sharing of 50% cost of the project. In a meeting with Chief Minister, Maharashtra, Minister for Railways agreed that the proposal would be processed further provided State Government gives its consent to share at least 40% of the cost as a special case in view of difficult conditions amongst farming community in Vidarbha Region. State Government has since shown willingness to share cost of work such as earthen embankment, side drains, metal breaking and spreading etc., upto 35-45%, which could be undertaken under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and State Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS). State Govt. is again being requested to agree to share at least 40% of the cost of project without linking it with NREP & EGS.